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Step Very Soon

Renewal of Efforts to Effect a Mutual Less Patronage to Representatives Settlement.

AMERICAN DELEGATION ACTIVE A PROPOSED CONVENTION HERE

After Another Fails of Acceptance -Neutrals Are Hopeful.

ALGECIRAS, Spain, February 15 .- The situation of the Franco-German controversy over the vital points of the proposed Moroccan reforms remains unchanged, although a feeling prevails among the delegates that some decisive step is not far off. They are particularly cautious just now, in view of the alternative waves of optimism and pessimism and of the fact that the inability thus far to reach an accord does not warrant overconfidence.

But at the same time it is conceded that the continuance of the Franco-German pourparlers shows that the critical stage has not yet been reached and that the adjournment yesterday of the sessions of the conference until Saturday gives an opportunity for an active renewal of the efforts to reconcile the French and German contentions.

Ambassador White, chief of the American delegation, in his efforts to find a compromise has not varied from the course which he has followed since the conference began. Americans Busy.

With the co-operation of the Marquis Visconti Venosta, head of the Italian mission, the American ambassador has already put forward several tentative plans for an adjustment, which have been unsuccessful owing to the unyielding attitude of one side or

These efforts continue and the neutral delegates believe they will ultimately succeed, although recognizing the increasing difficulty as one proposition after another falls to secure mutual acceptance.

French Attitude Improved.

BERLIN, February 15 .- It is semi-officially declared that the reply of M. Revoil, the head of the French mission at Algeciras, to the explanation by Herr von Radowitz, the first German delegate, of Germany's views on the Moroccan police question produced an excellent impression on the German delegate, and that in consequence the present French attitude toward the situation at Al-geciras is much improved.

BARK GIVEN UP AS LOST. British Ship Sailed From Portland September 22 for Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 15 .- The British bark Drumeraig, which sailed from Portland on September 22 last for Manila, and is now one hundred days overdue at that port, is given up as lost, having been advanced to the rate of 90 per cent on the overdue list. She was commanded by Capt, Neil McCallum, whose wife accompanied him on the voyage. The Drumcraig was a four-masted bark, 1,979 tons register, built in Barrow in 1885. She was owned by the Barneson-Hibberd Company of this city. She had a crew of twenty men on board, whose names are as follows: F. W. Checkler, first officer; R. Gillies, second mate; J. Terry, carpenter; J. E. Stafford, W. Helme, Minsuffo Nagato, Herbert Potter, J. McClellan, George Butler, H. Thompson, Owen O'Neill, O. H. Lamm, Frank Lutter, John McConnell, Juijus Hess, F. Fredericks T. Strelenbert and Guy Duckett, the able ceamen; also N. Barry, cook and steward, and T. Cockle, cabin boy.

HELD FOR EXTRADITION.

Two Arrested at San Francisco on Philadelphia Charge.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 15 .- John H. Ott and Frank Johnson will be returned to Philadelphia for trial on the charge of conspiracy to defraud their creditors. Ott and Johnson fied to this city with stolen money, and while here, it is alleged, Ott stole \$1,100 from Johnson and fled to New Mexico. He was arrested there and returned to this city. Johnson was then arrested. Both men are now being held for extradi-tion, on the request of the police of Phila-

ARCHDUKE WISE TO SITUATION. Ruler at Budapest Asked for Eight Weeks' Leave.

VIENNA, February 15 .- In view of the impending dissolution of the Hungarian chamber, and he consequent interregnum of absolutism, arising from the failure of the coalition to take the responsibility of forming a government on terms which the emperor-king is willing to sanction, Archduke Joseph has taken a significant step, He commands a cavairy regiment quartered at Budapest, and has asked for eight weeks' leave of absence, in order, it is said, to avoid taking part in any military measures which it may be decided to adopt against Hungary.

FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS.

British Officials Are in Sympathy

With Movement. LONDON, February 15.-While declining to make rash promises, Premier Campbell-Bannerman and Chancellor of Exchequer Asquith this morning declared themselves in entire sympathy with a deputation which called on them to advocate the establishmeht of a national system of old-age pensions. The deputation urged that the scheme should be comprehensive, and include all citizens, men or women, the money being found by means of imperiat taxation. The premier and chancellor of the exchequer heartly approved of the sug-

The only difficulty at present, they pointed out, was the question of ways and means. They thought, however, that with great care in the administration of the cou finances, it would not be impossible to find money for such a beneficent scheme

Minor Coinage Extension.

MOROCCAN STATUS ON CONSULAR REFORM

No. 16,580.

Delegates Anticipate Decisive Lively Row Expected in the House

IN FRANCO-GERMAN ISSUE WHEN THE BILL COMES UP

Will Be Given.

Despite Fact That One Proposition Extract From the Circular by New York Board of Trade and Transportation Calling It.

> A lively row in the House is on over the consular-reform bill. The measure has passed the Senate, and is likely to receive the sanction of the House committee on foreign affairs, but when it comes up in the House will probably meet with oppo-

The complaint of some of the members of the House against the bill is twofold first, that it provides the Senate with some very desirable patronage to the probable exclusion of the House; second, that it continues in office, under a species of civil service, all the consular force, and deprives representatives in Congress from hereafter filling any vacancies that might occur.

Consuls General-at-Large.

One of the sections of the bill provides for the appointment (and, of course, the senators would make them, it is urged) of five inspectors of consulates, to be known as "consuls general-at-large," who shall reselve each \$5,000 a year and traveling expenses. These gentlemen shall have a rov-ing commission to go about the world, with this comfortable salary and in addition the expenses of travel incident to the dignity of their office, inspecting consulates. When-ever necessary they shall supplant the resident consul, take over his office and clear out the entire force of the office.

Members of the House say that this will be an office which in desirability will be second to none in the diplomatic service, save ambassadorships and ministers, and they are inclined to fear that the Senate will get them all, as this is a Senate bill That one little provision in the bill has excited no end of jealousy.

The bill, it is further charged by mem-

bers of the House, will install consuls in office indefinitely and to that extent curtail the already limited patronage enjoyed by the lower body of Congress in these days of civil service reform and retention of fourth-class postmasters.

Coming Convention Here.

A circular has been issued by the New York Board of Trade and Transportation inviting commercial organizations to send delegates to a national consular reform convention to be held in Washington March 13 and 14, at the New Willard. The circular says it is proposed to create a permanent national committee on consular reform, with one member from each congressional district. The circular reads:

"From time to time, if conditions make it necessary, it will be the duty of each member of the national committee to urge the claims of consular reform upon the at-tention of the United States senators from his state, and upon his own representa-tive in Congress. This may be sometimes most effectually done by a personal visit to Washington, or by sending there a delegation of influential citizens from his state or congressional district. But if this should not be practicable, it would be the duty of the member of the national committee communicate with his senators and representative by letter, and to obtain the ac-tive co-operation of the influential men of his state or district

"In short, it will be the duty of each member of the national committee to make sure that the United States senators from his state, and the representative from his congressional district are favorably impressed with the importance of the right kind of consular reform and the necessity of supporting and voting for it in the Senate or House of Representatives."

FULL REPARATION GIVEN. Officials Who Arrested American Wo-

men to Be Punished.

Full reparation for the ill-treatment of Miss Elsie Stern of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Anna Snyder of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, has been made by the Turkish government. Secretary Root has received a dispatch from Minister Leishman, at Constantinople, announcing that the governor of Pera called and made apologies for the arrest of the young women and passengers on board. stated that officials responsible for the arrest have been imprisoned. Representative W. H. Ryan (N. Y.), who has taken great interest in the case, was advised today by Secretary Root of the satisfactory closing of the incident.

OPPOSED TO THE PAYNE BILL. George W. Swink Appears for the

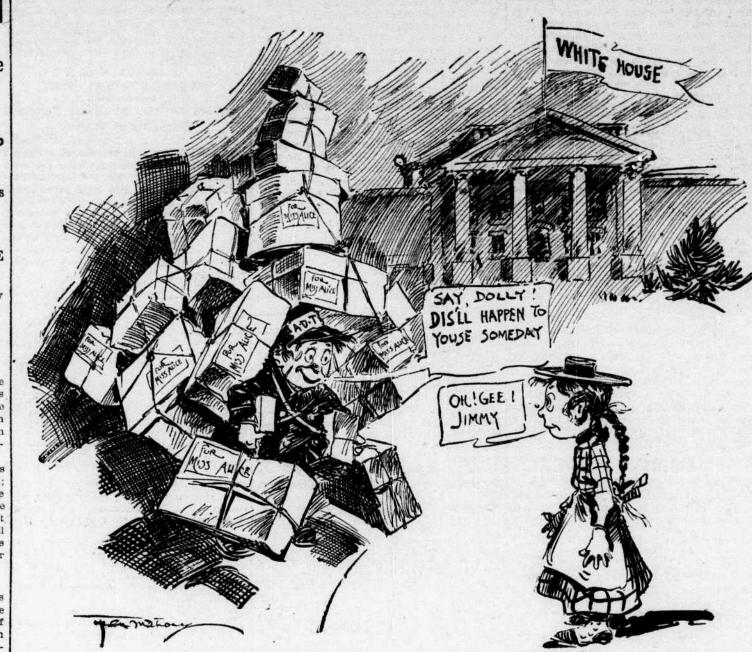
Beet Sugar Industry. George W. Swink of Rocky Ford, Colo., spoke in opposition to the Philippine tariff bill today before the Senate committee on the Philippines. He said that beets are about the only crop that can be raised on high-priced irrigated land that will bring values to compare with ordinary crops raised in the middle west states, and that the passage of the bill would bring sugar to the United States at a cost much less than it can be produced here.

War Department Officials Heard.

War Department officials were heard yesterday by the subcommittee of the House appropriations committee which is preparing the legislative appropriation bill. Secretary Taft, Gen. Ainsworth, Gen. Humphrey, Col. Clarence R. Edwards and J. C. Schofield, the chief clerk of the War Department, appeared before the committee. Fault was found by several members of the subcommittee with the department's tice of paying clerks out of money not set aside specifically for that purpose. Gen-Humphrey and other heads of divisions in the department were asked about this prac tice and questions brought out the fact that in many branches of the service the amount shown as clerks' salary fell far short of the sum actually paid out for clerical work.

Considering Dominican Treaty. The Senate committee on foreign rela-

tions, following its agreement to take up the Dominican treaty section by section and House committee on coinage bring it to an early vote in the commitweights and measures has recommended tee, has adopted two important amendthe passage of the bill to permit the ments. Neither of these, however, had any the Gildden Varnish Company, entailing a



LOVE LEVELS ALL RANKS.

PLOTTING AGAINST CASTRO.

Paris of Gen. Matos, who headed the last revolution in Venezuela against President Castro, leads to reports that Matos might again take measures to stir up an insurrec-He is receiving no recognition, official or otherwise, but the French government is aware of his presence here. Matos today was asked whether there was any truth in the reports that he is organizing a revolution, and replied:

"I most emphatically assert that the reports are entirely baseless. I have been here since last June, when I arrived in France from the United States. Though I am opposed to Castro, I consider that it would be unpatriotic on the part of any Venezuelan to attempt to arouse internal strife while the country's foreign relations are unsettled.

People Now Pacific.

"The Venezuelans, though prone to internal trouble, would rise as a single man in defense of their territory from foreign aggression. The country is now in a pacific condition, and a revolution would have but small chance of success, while none of the men mentioned as possible leaders could secure sufficient support to warrant them in taking any action."

Referring to the Franco-Venezuelan difficulty, Gen. Matos said he thought the af-fair, which originated in a trifling difference between President Castro and M. Taigny, would be settled without coercion or armed intervention.

FREIGHT STEAMER ASHORE.

Only Four Passengers on Board-Life Savers to Rescue.

SCITUATE, Mass., February 15 .- A large freight steamer is ashore on the southerly end of Third Cliff. The weather is thick and a brisk northerly wind is blowing. The steamer is the Leyland line steamer Devonian, carrying passengers and freight. Lifesavers have been out to her and returned. The vessel grounded some time between midnight and 2 o'clock this morning, during a thick snowstorm and high wind and seas. Since daylight both sea and wind have abated considerably. There are only four

Capt. Stanley of the Third Cliff lifesaving station and a volunteer crew, who put off to the steamer early this morning, reported that the vessel seemed to have suffered little damage and that the captain had de-cided to await the arrival of tugs before making any move toward landing those on board.

The place where the steamer struck is said to be four or five miles off the usual course of incoming liners. It is about ten miles southwest of Minot's light, in a locality abounding in dangerous ledges. It was thought that tugs from Boston would reach the scene in time to make an attempt float the vessel at high tide during the afternoon. Three ocean-going tugs were promptly dispatched from Boston to the scene of the wreck, and were expected to reach there by noon.

The Devonian carried about 2,000 tons of general cargo, consisting principally of machinery, Egyptian cotton and yarn. registers 6,823 tons, and was built at Belfast, Ireland, in 1900, and her home port is Liverpool. She is 552 feet long, 59 feet in width and 36 feet in depth. She is valued at \$500,000 and carries cargo worth \$700,000.

WRECK ON THE "PENNSY."

Express Sideswiped a Freight Train-

Fifteen Cars Wrecked. LANCASTER, Pa., February 18 .- A westbound express train on the Pennsylvania railroad, made up of mail and express cars, sideswiped a freight train early today near Conestoga, a short distance east of this city. Ten express and five freight cars were wrecked and their contents scattered over the tracks.

All four tracks were torn up and trains east and westbound were run over the Leb-anon Valley branch of the Philadelphia and Reading railroad. It will be several hours before the tracks are cleared. No one was

\$100,000 Fire in Cleveland. CLEVELAND, Ohio, February 15 .- Fire

today destroyed the four-story building, known as the Jap-a-Lac department of coinage of minor coins at the other United States mints besides Philadelphia, and
increasing the fund at disposal of the
Secretary of the Treasury for minor coinage purposes from \$50,000 to \$200,000.

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MATOS DENIES REPORTS HAD A BUSY SESSION SPECIAL SESSION ENDS

TRICT COMMITTEE.

PARIS, February 15 .- The presence in Two Proposed Amendments of the Code Laid Over-Restriction of Corporations.

The House District committee held its regular Thursday meeting this morning, but was unable to dispose of all of the business before it, and assembled again at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. The committee was still in session when The Star's report closed.

At this morning's session the bill introduced by Representative Flood of Virginia, amending the District code so that 'a widow shall be entitled to dower only in lands held by the husband by equitable or legal title at the time of his death, but such right of dower shall not operate to the prejudice of any claim for the purchase money of such lands or other lien on them," was laid on the table, and action indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Flood's bill, providing that "whenever any husband in the District of Columbia shall fail or refuse to maintain his wife and minor children, although able so to do, the court may decree that he shall pay her such sums as would be allowed as permanent alimony in case of divorce," met the same fate.

Restricting Real Estate Corporations. The Senate bill to amend that section of the District code relating to corpora-

tions was favorably reported to the House with an amendment providing that no real estate corporation shall be capitalized at more than a million dollars, nor shall assume indebtedness of more than half a million dollars. The bill was then laid over for two weeks in order that the members of the committee might have time to look

Maintenance of the Long Bridge.

The committee also favorably reported the Babcock bill to provide for the temporary maintenance of the Long bridge. This measure places the Long bridge un der the control of the District Commissioners after February 12, 1906, and appropriates \$51,000, to be expended under their direction, for its maintenance. Another amendment provides that after June 1, 1906, every vehicle weighing, when loaded, more than two tons, operated over the streets, avenues, alleys, bridges or roadways of the District of Columbiba, shall have whee tires not less than four inches broad.

Mrs. Logan's Claim for Damages. The committee also decided to give Mrs

John A. Logan a hearing next Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock on the bill introduced, by request, by Representative Madden appropriating \$1,400 for payment to Mrs. Logan for the alleged destruction of permanent improvements on her property at Clifton and 13th streets, by reason of the change of grade of the latter thorough-

DR. W. H. MURPHY DEAD.

Prominent in Athletic Circles-Once Coach for College Clubs.

Special Dispatch to The Star.

BOSTON, February 15 .- Dr. Willam H. Murphy is dead at the home of his brother, Dennis Murphy, in Westboro, of consumption. As "Tot" Murphy he was prominent in base ball circles for several years, starting out as a shortstop at Yale. After graduation he signed with the New York National League team, being one of the smallest men that ever played in a major

After leaving the Giants he played profes-sional base ball with other teams and then branched out as a coach of college nines. He was at the University of Pennsylvania for two years, and was later at Annapol's until his health failed.

FIRE AT SCRANTON.

Erie Station Burned, Together With Baggage and Express.

SCRANTON, Pa., February 15 .- The staion of the Erie railroad here was totally destroyed by fire today, together with considerable baggage and express matter. Three passenger coaches were also burned

NOTED REVOLUTIONIST IS NOT MEETING OF THE HOUSE DIS- PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE ADJOURNED TODAY.

HARRISBURG, Pa., February 15 .- The Pennsylvania legislature today completed the business for which it was called in extra session, and adjourned finally. All of the reform legislation enumerated by the governor in his official call was enacted with the exception of civil service for the state officers. Three bills have already been signed, and the remainder will be acted upon within the next thirty days. Among the important bills passed were the following:

Consolidating the cities of Pittsburg Alleghany City to Greater Pittsburg; personal registration for cities; abolishing the fees of the secretary of the commonwealth; abolishing the fees of the insurance commissioner and designating the number and salaries of the employes of the insurance department; establishing a uniform system of primary elections to be held twice a year; establishing civil service and regulations for the municipal employes of Philadelphia; prescribing the purposes for which candidates and campaign committees may expend money, and repealing the Philadelphia "ripper," which takes away from the mayor and places with the city councils the appointment of directors of

public safety and public works. The session also authorized a legislative inquiry into the affairs of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company and its constituent companies; directed the attorney general to inquire by what authority certain railroad companies in the state are engaged in the anthracite coal mining business, and to make an investigation of the insurance department of Pennsylvania and the sources from which the commissioner and actuary receive their fees.

BIBLE FOR MISS ROOSEVELT.

Unique Wedding Gift Sent by Baltimore Sunday School. Special Dispatch to The Star.

BALTIMORE, Md., February 15 .- Among the many unique gifts to be sent Miss Alice Roosevelt will be one from the Eutaw Street M. E. Church Sunday School. The gift consists of a very handsome Oxford Bible, teachers edition, bound in black padded seal leather printed on Indian paper, with gold finish, and containing an encyclopedia concordance. On one of the fly leaves the following inscription was written: "We, the members of the Eutaw Methodist Episcopal Sunday School, desire to show evidence of our patriotism by hearty felicitations to the White House orlde by presenting her with a star spangled banner and the open Bible, which always follow the flag."

The Bible is wrapped in a silk American flag and tied with red, white and blue ribbon and was expressed to Washington, D. C., this morning.

PHILADELPHIA, Ph., February 15.—A beautiful engraved sliver spoon with a gold bowl will today be sent as a wedding gift to Miss Alice Roosevelt by the Sunday school of the First African Baptist Church Church Church the Sunday street shows 10th whose Church, Cherry street, above 10th, whose members are among the leading colored people in this city. This is the first gift to be sent to the President's daughter from any colored people in Philadelphia, and is intended to show appreciation of Mr. Roosevelt's attitude toward their race. In the bowl of the spoon is an inscription giving the name of Miss Roosevelt and of the donors.

THE B. AND O. CONTENTION To Come Up for Discussion at Annap-

olis Today. Special Dispatch to The Star.

STATE HOUSE, ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb ruary 15.-The whole Baltimore and Ohio controversy with the state of Maryland will be taken up today at 4:30 p.m. in both senate and house of delegates, under an order adopted at 1 p.m. The determination of both sides to the controversy seems to be to reach some conclusion this afternoon as to the course to be pursued by the general assembly in the proposed investiga-It is probable that a resolution will be

passed providing that the investigation must be concluded and the report submitted to the legislature before the end of the session, on April 2, and that the Gorman scheme to prolong the life of the committee for two years will be given up because several democratic members refuse to support

FATEFUL CONFERENCE THE STATEHOOD BILL

Miners and Operators Meet Consideration of the Measure This Afternoon

TO FORMULATE CONTRACT MR. DICK EXPLAINS DETAILS

Between Employers and Men, Effect- Presents Arguments in Favor of Conive April 1.

No Pennsylvania Road Representative -Matters of Great Import Hinge on the Result.

NEW YORK, February 15 .- The conference between the coal miners and the union mine workers of the hard coal fields of Pennsylvania, at which efforts will be made to formulate an agreement between the employers and the men, to go into effect April 1, when the award of the anthracite strike commission expires, will be held this afternoon. All the coal companies will be represented, and the interests of the employes will be looked after by the special scale committee of thirty-six, which is made up of the mine workers' executive board of three anthracite districts.

President Mitchell is chairman of this committee. Among those who will attend the meeting are President George F. Baer of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company; W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Railroad Company; T. P. Fowler, president of the New York, Ontario and Western railroad; F. D. Underwood, president of the Erie railroad; E. B. Thomas, president of the Lehigh Valley railroad; David Willcox, president of the Delaware and Hudson Company. The independent operators will be represented by Frank Pardee of Hazleton Pagand I. L. Cake of Pittston Pagand III L. Cake of Pittston Pagand II L. Cake of Pittston Pagand II L. Cake of Pittston Pa ton, Pa., and J. L. Cake of Pittston, Pa. W. L. Connell of Scranton, Pa., an independent operator, who is president of the an-thracite board of conciliation, will also be

The Coal Carrying Roads.

The Pennsylvania railroad will not be directly represented, it not having been !nvited to the conference, but will abide by any action taken by the presidents of the other coal-carrying railroads.

In case a technical discussion shall ensue after the miners have formally made known their grievances the operators will call in officials of the various coal companies who have a practical knowledge of the mining conditions.

Among them are A. F. Law, manager of the Temple Iron Company; General Manager Bryden of the Scranton Coal Company; W. A. May, superintendent of the Eric railroad; Col. R. A. Phillips of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western ratt-road; C. C. Rose of the Delaware and Hudson railroad; S. B. Wariner of the Lehigh Valley, and W. J. Richards, general mining superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company. Messrs. Wariner and Richards are mem-

DOLAN'S CAUSTIC ADDRESS.

Declared That Mitchell's Statements

Are Barefaced Lies. PITTSBURG, Pa., February 15 .- When the Pittsburg miners' convention resumed its session today, President Patrick Dolan made a caustic address to the delegates, replying to the letter of President John Mitchell, which was read to the delegates yesterday by National Vice President Lewis. President Dolan said in part:

"I want to say that Mitchell's state-

ments in his letter are barefaced lies. He claims that the statement in the newspapers last Monday was not written by me. I most emphatically say that it was. I charge Mitchell with sending national board members into the Pittsburg district to try to defeat me. Both myself and Vice President Bellingham will be candidates for re-election, however, and will go before the miners for a vindication of our vote at Indianapolis.

"Today we find John Mitchell, our international president, in conference with the anthracite operators. No matter if they were willing to pay the miners \$10 a day Mitchell could not sign an agreement with them until he called the national convention "I want to go on record by saying that

the present wage scale is the best the miners ever had, and we did not get it by selling out to the operators. John Mitchell and W. D. Ryan are not the only men in the country who understand the industrial situation.

Much Disorder Followed Speech.

Following President Dolan's remarks there was much disorder among one delegates. A majority of them took exception to the manner in which Dolan referred to President Mitchell and the matters under dispute. Quiet was again restored only after National Vice President Lewis made a lengthy address requesting order. The special committee on constitution reported an amendment to the constitution providing that the officers of the district unions be a president, vice president, secretary-treasurer and an executive board of twelve members. The report also pro vided that a plurality of votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. A proviso gives the district convention power to order a new election if they see fit. President Dolan stated that the amenu-ment was unconstitutional, but that he

would present it to the convention. The amendment passed by practically a unanmous vote LABOR OF CHILDREN.

House Committee in Favor of an Investigation.

The House committee on labor has practically agreed to report a bill for an investigation of child labor, and is now making an attempt to find just what classification of child labor shall be attempted in such a measure. Representative Gardner (Mass.) and the United States commissioner of labor, Charles P. Neill, appeared before the committee today and a general discussion was had of the best divisions of children as to age and the nature of the work at which they are employed.

Middies Ordered to China.

The following-named midshipmen have been ordered to the Asiatic station for assignment to ships: D. W. Fuller, L. W. F. Carstein, J. P.

Miller, L. Noyes, C. Taylor, E. A. Wolleson, W. F. Jacobs, W. E. Hall, R. C. Grady, F. M. Robinson, W. L. Calhoun, R. A. White, C. M. Austin, R. L. Harter, R. W. Spofford, H. B. Riebe, W. B. Howe, L. B. Bernheim, H. Allen, H. F. Emerson, L. D. Causey, H. Delano, M. F. Draemel, F. L. Reichmuth, J. S. McCain, A. J. Chantry,

COAL COMPANIES REPRESENTED REGISTRY OF REPAIRED SHIPS

fusal to Consider Bill to Consolidate Customs District.

The Senate began the consideration of the

joint statehood bill at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. Dick spoke in support of the bill, first explaining the committee amendments and then presenting the reasons for consolidating Oklahoma with Indian Territory and Arizona with New Mexico. Mr. Stone sought to secure the passage of the bill permitting the importation of tea

waste for the manufacture of caffeine and

theine or other chemical products, but Messrs. Allison and Spooner objected on the ground that under the measure all kinds of impure tea could be brought into the country. The bill was not, therefore, passed. The Senate agreed to a resolution offered by Senator Morgan instructing the commit-

tee on printing to direct the public printer to send to the committee a detailed estimate of the cost of establishing in the gov-



Senator Dick. ernment printing office all necessary machinery for reproducing photographs, half-tone plates and zinc line drawings, and if additional skilled labor is required to op-erate said machinery, and the cost of em-

ploying the same.

The Senate then took up the calendar, and the following bills were passed: Authorizing the Campbell Lumber Company to construct two bridges across the St. Francis river in Clay county, Ark. Prohibiting the unlawful wearing of the

insignia of the G. A. R. and other soldier organizations. Ostablishing a light and fog signal sta-tion at Isle Au Haut harbor, Maine. Establishing a lighthouse and fog signal on Cape Hinchinbrook Island, William

sound, in Alaska.

Reserving from sale a portion of the Fort Brady military reservation at Sault Ste Establishing a lighthouse and fog signal n Cape Spencer. Cross sound, Alaska. Authorizing the construction of a drive-way to the National cemetery at Salisbury,

Authorizing the erection of a public building at Salisbury, N. C., at a cost of \$75,000. Mr. Dick on Statehood.

Promptly at 2 o'clock the Vice President aid the joint statehood bill before the Senate in accordance with the action of the Senate making that measure the unfinished ousiness. Mr. Dick of the committee on territories was recognized as the first speaker and he read a carefully prepared speech in support of the measure, especially avering the consolidation of Arizona and New Mexico as one state and of Oklahoms and Indian Territory as another. everybody recognizes that Oklahoma and Indian Territory are prepared for ad-mission, and he thought that every one acquainted with the facts ought to agree that without consolidation New Mexico and Arlzona are not prepared to assume the dutle

of statehood. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

On meeting today the House passed a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue duplicates of lost checks when the amount of the check is greater than \$2,500. The Secretary already has this authority regarding checks under that sum.

A bill was passed authorizing a seal for United States commissioners.

Failing a few days ago, because of a point of order, to secure consideration of a bill authorizing a consolidation of customs collection districts, Mr. Payne (N. Y.) today entered a motion to take up that bill, it having been amended so as to make it "privileged." Opposition was immediately manifested. Mr. Thomas (N. C.) wanted to debate the motion, but, not being allowed to

do so, demanded a vote by tellers. As this vote defeated the motion, 65 to 90, Mr. Payne demanded a roll call,

During the roll call Mr. Longworth (Ohlo) was called to the chair and presided over the House as Speaker for about a minute.
Mr. Longworth arranged to "pair" his vote
in the House for two weeks, or until
March 4. The House refused to take up the bill, the

vote being 87 in favor of Mr. Payne's mo-tion and 163 against it. Mr. Thomas, de-siring to clinch the defeat of the bill, which was met with applause, moved to table the The Speaker ruled against this, when he

moved to table the bill. This motion also moved to table the bin. This motion also the Speaker would not entertain.

"Oh, the gentleman need not be alarmed." remarked Mr. Payne, "the bill will come up again some other day, and in the meantime I will endeavor to get some information before the House to let gentlemen know what they are voting for." "Will the gentleman give notice when he is to call it up?" asked Mr. Thomas.
"I will give no notice," responded Mr.

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Weather.

Fair, colder tonight; tomorrow fair, not quite so cold.

Begun in the Senate.

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Animated Debate in the House-Re-